

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2005, claims 1 and 9 are amended, claims 2 and 10-14 are cancelled. Claims 1 and 3-9 are now active in this application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Forbes (USPN 5,744,695).

The indication that claims 2, 3 and 9 are objected to, but be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is acknowledged and appreciated.

To expedite prosecution, independent claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 2, now cancelled, claim 3 is amended to depend from amended claim 1, and claim 9 is amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of claim 1. Thus, amended independent claim 1, as well as claim 9, amended to be in independent form, are believed to be allowable, as are dependent claims 3-8 which depend directly or indirectly from amended independent claim 1.

Finally, claims 10-14, withdrawn from further consideration as being directed to non-elected species are cancelled.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues

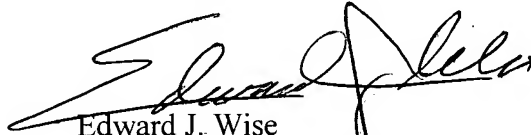
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that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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